

TELLS REASON OF PANAMA TRIP

Taft Wants to Know if Conditions Are Ripe for Civil Government.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 20.—Whether the time is now opportune for the establishment of civil government in the Panama Canal Zone is the purpose of the present trip of President Taft to that region. The President announced this in a speech here to-night, it being the first explanation that he has given of the purpose of the visit.

"You may think I could ascertain this as well in Washington, but I don't know," said the President. "At any rate I am going and I expect to leave the order creating the new government in the zone if I find conditions warrant it."

To-day's visit was the first that President Taft has made to Florida since he became the nation's chief executive. He has now visited every State in the Union on his present trip, and was but a few minutes in length, the President and his party spending only an hour in the city.

Preceding his address, Mr. Taft was taken for an automobile ride about the city. Crowds lined the streets cheering the President.

The President, in his speech, praised Jacksonville's efforts to build municipal docks, and said that the question of municipal functions was a serious one.

"They are finding it so in New York," said the President, "for she is beginning to suffer because she did not make the outlay years ago to acquire property for docks and wharves."

The President and his party left to-night for Key West, Fla., from where they will sail for Panama to-morrow on the United States battleship *Arkansas*.

Congratulates South.
St. Augustine, Fla., December 20.—President Taft, in a speech here to-night, congratulated the South upon the election of a Democratic President, predicted nation-wide prosperity under the new administration, and spoke with pride of the way this nation takes the quadrilateral verdict of the people at the polls.

The President spoke in the Masonic Temple, and the crowd which listened to his words cheered him to the echo. He gave his philosophy of politics, and closed with a remark that swept the hall with laughter.

"The only sorrow I have," he said, "is the thought that there will break in upon the people and some individuals the fact that there are not enough officers to go around."

President Taft, said in part:
"Your distinguished chairman, Senator Fletcher, has said something about the relations of the North to the South and has read from one of my addresses with reference to the recent election. I meant every word I said. I am not taking back a word, only I want you to understand that I was playing the part of a philosopher and was attempting to find good out

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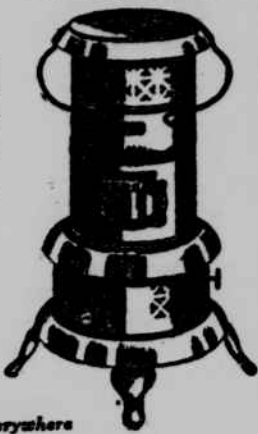
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DEATH IS RESULT OF FAMILY FEUD

Prominent Farmer of Nash County Killed by Young Man.

Raleigh, N. C., December 20.—J. P. Lamm, fifty years old, a prominent farmer of Nash County, died this morning at his home near Spring Hope, and the coroner's jury charges Luther Davis, twenty-one years of age, with the murder, held to be the result of a family feud.

Last night Lamm and Davis were at a box party. Lamm left it, reported as intoxicated, with his fifteen-year-old boy, and Davis joined them. Lamm laid down in the road and refused to go on. His son went after his mother. Returning, they heard a voice, "D—n you, I'll kill you," and when they reached Lamm found his head crushed in and an arm broken in several places, a fence rail and rocks nearby blood bespattered. Davis had fled.

Verdict Against New Car Company.
The suit of American Dudley against the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company, tried yesterday in the Law and Equity Court, resulted in a verdict in the sum of \$150. The suit was for damages to a mule and cart struck by a street car.

Wife of Wilson's Nephew Decides On Stage Career



MRS. GEORGE HOWE.

New York, December 20.—Mrs. George Howe, whose husband is a nephew of President-elect Woodrow Wilson, has decided upon a dramatic career, and expects to appear shortly in a play which is to be given for the first time in this city.

Mrs. Howe spent several months on tour with Mme. Nazimova in "The Marlowettes," this fall, but kept her identity secret, not wishing to embarrass Mr. Wilson during the campaign.

"I have always been eager to go on the stage," said Mrs. Howe yesterday in her apartments at No. 26 Gramercy Park, "and I can't help thinking that the desire to do a thing, when strong and persistent, is a good indication of the ability to do it. I have always taken part in amateur theatricals in Columbia, S. C., where I used to live, but my family objected to my taking up the work professionally. I won them over at last and got my first engagement."

Mrs. Howe's husband, who holds the chair of Latin in the University

of North Carolina, is now studying in Rome, when asked how he liked her taking up a stage career, she replied that he was strongly in favor of it.

"He opposed it," she said, "as long as he thought I didn't have the requisite ability, but when he became convinced that I had, he became eager for me to begin as I was myself, 'if that's possible,' she added, with a smile. "It's not a question of preferring professional to home life. Home life can be of great assistance to one engaged in a professional career."

Asked what form of acting she was most interested in, Mrs. Howe said that she preferred emotional acting of the more serious kind.

"So much of the emotional acting of to-day is rant," she went on. "American actors, or a good many of them, come on the stage with noise. They defeat the end of the stage which, when properly used, is the greatest educational force in the country."

QUEEN WILL VISIT SACRED MOUNTAIN

Vienna, December 20.—The Neue Tagblatt Athens correspondent says Queen Olga of Greece intends to visit the twenty-one monasteries on Mount Athos, eighty miles to the southeast of Saloniki, thus breaking the rule prohibiting women to visit the sacred mountain which has been strictly observed for 1,500 years.

The monks on the mountain, continues the correspondent, "on many occasions have refused to permit royal ladies to visit them, always excusing themselves behind the legend that the Virgin Mary with her infant Christ visited the mountain, and that no woman had been allowed to do so since."

"But now that the Greeks have conquered the territory and the King and Queen proposed a visit to the mountain, the monks summoned their council and decided that they had no course but to rescind the rule."

Mount Athos, the Holy Mountain, was the centre of Greek theology and learning in the Middle Ages, and many masterpieces of ancient Greek literature still remain in the libraries there. The Turkish government gives the monks almost complete autonomy. Aside from the twenty-one monasteries on the mountain there are numerous grangeries, cells and chapels. Many of them are hermits and live in caves.

MINT SUPERINTENDENTS WARNED TO BE ON GUARD

Washington, December 20.—As the result of an anonymous threat to dynamite the Denver mint, Director George E. Roberts has warned the superintendents of all the mints in the country to observe rigid measures of precaution against violence. While Mr. Roberts does not take the threat seriously, he said the mere suggestion of a plot to blow up a mint must put officials on the alert. Guards will not be increased, but will keep a keen watch for disturbers, and employees of the mints will be drilled with regularity to meet any emergency. This will be a strict enforcement of the Treasury regulations.

VICTIM OF FATAL ACCIDENT.

Mill Employee Caught in Belt and Hurled Around Shafing.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fayetteville, N. C., December 20.—Oliver W. Porter, a young man twenty-one years old, was caught in the belt of the Victory Cotton Mill here this morning and killed, after being hurled twice over the shafting. Porter was putting a two-inch belt on a pulley, when his arm was seized by the belt and he was torn from his body after he had been carried into the air. He fell to the floor and died. The young man came to the Victory Mill from Saint Paul, Robeson County, and was well liked by his associates.

ALLEGED COAL THIEF

Negro Under Arrest Believed to Have Stolen Five Tons of Fuel.
John Young, colored, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Blyden and Gentry and held at the First Police Station as a suspicious character, suspected of having committed a felony.

Young was employed by the White Oak Coal Company, and is alleged to have stolen five tons of fuel, moving it by the cartload. Just what disposition he made of it the police so far have been unable to find out, but they believe they have sufficient evidence against Young to insure a conviction.

SPEEDY TRIAL

Youth Sent to Reformatory One Hour After Committing Theft.
Typical Virginia Justice yesterday manifested itself in the Juvenile Court when James Kahn, fourteen years old, was convicted one hour after he had committed a

theft and sent to the Reformatory.

Turner, a druggist, of 20 North Twenty-third Street, returned unexpectedly to his home. He was surprised to find the glass of one of the windows broken. Knowing his wife to be away on a shopping tour he at once suspected the presence of burglars. He quietly entered, and after passing through several rooms he came upon Kahn in the act of opening a desk drawer which contained about \$25. He had no difficulty in capturing the youth and turned him over to Frederickman Johnson. He was at once taken before Justice Cuthrell in the Juvenile Court, and after a hearing committed to the Reformatory.

Returns With Prisoner.
Detective-Sergeant Wren returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., with Howard Barker, colored, fifteen years old, who was locked up at the Second Police Station on the charge of being a suspicious character. The youth is believed to have stolen \$25 from Mrs. F. V. Saunders, of 18 North Linden Street.

Alleged Cruelty to Cat.
Hatcher Bradford was arrested yesterday by Bicycle Policemen Kidd on the charge of cruelty to a cat. The case will be prosecuted by Agent E. C. Taylor, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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MAKING ADVANCE AT SNAIL'S PACE

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commanders of the Turkish and Greek fleets exchanged pleasantries by wireless telegraphy. The Greek admiral telegraphed: "We have occupied the island of Tenedos and await your orders," to which the Turkish admiral replied: "Your shells are falling wide. I would recommend you to take better aim."

Mystery in King's Visit.

London, December 20.—A Saloniki dispatch to the Times says that considerable mystery surrounds the visit of King Ferdinand. King George of Greece went to the station at 3.30 o'clock in the morning to meet him. It was then announced that he would not arrive until 5 in the afternoon. As a matter of fact he arrived at 3 o'clock, when no member of the Greek royal family was at the station.

The Kings exchanged visits, but no important political discussions have occurred. King Ferdinand is expected to remain in Saloniki for a few days.

Austria Still Mobilizing.

Cettigne, Montenegro, December 20.—Austro-Hungarian military preparations continue without cessation. Large numbers of troops arrive daily in Danubian towns. Numerous steamships have been converted into transports, and extensive fortifications are under construction.

Nazim Pasha Reviews Troops.

London, December 20.—A Dardanelles dispatch to the Daily Mail says that Nazim Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, has arrived there. He reviewed the troops, and has given inspiration to the garrisons guarding the entrance of the straits. Reinforcements are arriving daily. All steamships have been requested to leave the Dardanelles.

ROBBED ON TRAIN

Sportsman Has Pocket Picked of \$50 While Boarding Pullman.

While boarding a westbound train of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway at the Main Street Station last night about 6 o'clock, R. O. Craig, of 24 Boston Avenue, Akron, O., had his pocket picked and his wallet containing between \$50 and \$75 stolen. He made a report of the theft to Police Sergeant Sherry and continued his journey to St. Louis, Mo.

With his wife Mr. Craig was returning from a hunting expedition in North Carolina. As he stepped aboard one of the rear Pullmans he was jostled by two men, one large and one small. He was weighted with a string of game and luggage, and paid little heed to the strangers who jostled against him. After he was within the car he missed his money. Station officials were at once notified, and Sergeant Sherry was called in. However, all efforts to locate the two men described by Mr. Craig were fruitless.

Patrol Hits Automobile.

For the second time this week the automobile patrol of the Second Police District has had a collision. Yesterday it struck an automobile owned by T. R. English, of Ginter Park, at Sixth and Franklin streets. The damage was slight. Last Tuesday it collided with a *Laurel* Street car at Laurel and Franklin streets. No one was hurt in either accident.

Reports Horse Stolen.
A. Bishop, of 312 North Adams Street, last night reported to the police of the Second District that his stable had been entered and a horse stolen.

Negro Grabbed Snail.
J. J. Miller, who conducts a store at 39 North Second Street, reported to the police yesterday that a snail which had been hanging in front of his place had been snatched by a colored man who made a successful escape.

Qualifications in Chancery.

Walter C. Meyer qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as executor of the estate of Henry Meyer. The estate is valued at \$2,000.

James C. Mayfield qualified as administrator of the estate of R. E. Lee Camp, the estate is valued at \$500.

Mary J. Armstrong qualified as executor of the estate of R. E. Lee Camp, the estate is valued at \$500.

LEE CAMP ELECTS OFFICERS

T. C. Jones becomes Commander. Services on Lee's Birthday.

Major T. C. Jones was last night elected commander of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans. Other officers were

selected as follows: Edgar D. Taylor, first lieutenant-commander; J. Tyler Johnson, second lieutenant-commander; Samuel W. Williams, third lieutenant-commander; J. Taylor Stratton, adjutant; D. A. Brown, Jr., quartermaster; George T. Dean, officer of the day; Dr. George Rose, surgeon; Rev. I. R. Mason, D. D., Rev. James P. Smith, D. D., and Rev. P. D. Stevenson, chaplains; J. J. H. Brown, videtur; W. B. Freeman, treasurer; Major W. B. Lightfoot, sergeant; A. C. Wrenn, color sergeant; George W. Wrenn, W. H. Wood, color guard; H. C. G. Hartman and Luther Martin, executive committee.

The camp will hold special services on the 21st at General Robert E. Lee, Sunday, January 19, with Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Fined for Cruelty

Luther Minor, colored, was fined \$10 and costs yesterday morning in Police Court for cruelty to a mule.

Woodson Case Postponed.

On account of the illness of Building Inspector H. P. Beck yesterday the trial of the case of W. J. Woodson, a cement contractor, charged with the murder of Moses Taylor, colored, through removal of forms from a green concrete roof, resulting in its collapse, was postponed in the Hustings Court yesterday to January 2.

H. M. Horton Improving.

H. M. Horton, of Wakefield, N. C., who is in the Virginia Hospital, has been steadily improving.

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